

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 3 Week 9**

**27th September 2011**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome to week nine of the third term or to put it more into perspective week 31 of the school year; these two weeks will be very busy with a number of activities coming up.

Wednesday night is the annual 'Haddon Shield' public speaking competition with Outram School, the senior classes have been working very hard on their speeches and having heard a number of them already I can say that they are of a very high standard.

Summer sports must have started because I watch T Ball at 9 o'clock in a jersey and by 12.30 the cricket team that I coach game had been called off due to rain!

Over the next term our school will be taking part in regular: T Ball, Futsal and Touch competitions. To ensure that all of our pupils get the most from these competitions a code of conduct will be given to all participants.

Remember the reason children play sport is to have fun, but as a school we expect all pupils who represent our school to behave in such a way that all of those involved: coaches, parents, officials and other players enjoy their sport. I feel sticking to the simple expectations in the code of conduct will ensure this.

As mentioned earlier we are getting well through the school year and already we have a huge number of enrolments for next year.

It is really important that we know of all possible enrolments as soon as possible to enable us to best manage the classes for next year.

So please if you know of any potential enrolments tell them to ring the school and fill in an enrolment form so that we have a more comprehensive picture of the number of pupils that we will have for 2012.

I have been amazed at how the Rugby World Cup has captured the imagination of our nation—I never thought that I would attend a rugby game in Dunedin between England and Romania that would almost be a sellout.

So over the next weeks I will sign off in one of the languages of the teams still taking part. This week it is an Irish farewell, from my family's home province of Munster:

"Slán agus beanncht leat".

**Have a great week,  
Mike Brosnahan**

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations for the following pupils who made their First Eucharist on Sunday:  
Billy Ellwood, Bridget O'Neill, Caitlin Anderton, Chelsea Smith, Emma Hyde, Gracin Fraser, Mason Cumming, Paige O'Brien, Pyper Johnson, Sam O'Neill, & Thor Dougherty.



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

**Reminder—School Photos this Thursday.**

All children to come to school in full correct school winter uniform please, including leather school shoes.

**School Fair Signs**

We have a couple of spare signs to advertise our Fair this year as some of our families have moved on. If you have a fence that would be ideal for advertising, and wouldn't mind a sign being put up on it, could you give me a call Karen 489-1065.

**Beginners Guitar Lessons**

Beginners Guitar to start this Thursday 29th September in Room 5 from 3.05—3.45pm. Please enroll at the school office. Cost for five lessons is \$15 payable to the office before lessons begin please. I have some guitars to lend out, first in first served. Thanks Mary Dillon.

**A thought for the week...**

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."  
Marcel Proust

**Altar Servers** Sunday 2nd October—  
Anahera Reynolds, Cecilia Crooks, &  
Lewis Middleton

**Winter Sports Uniforms—Reminder!**

Please send back your winter sports team uniforms to either your coach or class teacher.  
Netball: Could all skirts please be returned to your child's class teacher, **CLEAN (please follow the washing instructions carefully)** and pressed, ready for next year.

**Looking Ahead Term 3**

**September**

- 28th Public Speaking Competition
- Scholastic Book Club -orders close
- 29th School Photos, & Room 7 DARE Funday.
- 30th Room 5 Assembly and Choir item, **2.15pm**

**October**

- 6th Mufti Day —Tombola item for the Fair!
- 7th Blues/Sports Assembly 2.20pm
- 7th End of Term
- 25th Term 4 Begins
- 25th—28th Senior Camp

**Extra Spelling Quiz Teams 2011**

